

bilities on to the provinces. They have simply off-loaded them on the poor.

What have they done? They have helped their corporate tax friends. They have given tax break after tax break to their corporate tax friends.

The fact is that the average Canadian family with an income between \$25,000 and \$75,000 per year is paying in real terms \$1,800 more a year in taxes. Those earning over \$100,000 are only paying about half of that in increased taxes.

This is the philosophy of this government. Do not talk to me about what you are doing for the future generation. You have put the future generation in debt and you have put it in debt hungry.

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I enjoyed hearing the hon. member speak about lowering interest rates and following the policies advocated by my leader. It was encouraging.

He also spoke in his speech about the virtues of taxation of corporations. I am sure he had in his mind the big bad banks. I wonder if he could tell us if it is still his party's policy to nationalize Canada's chartered banks.

Mr. Karpoff: I belong to one of the growing financial institutions in this country, the Surrey Metro Credit Union. It is now the second largest credit union in the country. It is community owned. It is a co-operative, it is socialist movement, the same as the Vancity Credit Union, which is also one of the biggest and fastest growing financial institutions.

At this point we have to bring in fair taxation. The national banks have not been paying their fair share of taxes. We in the New Democratic Party strongly believe in fair taxes.

I can assure the member that when we are the government after the next federal election we will bring in legislation to make sure that the banks and other multinational corporations pay their fair share of taxes.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): It being 1.33 p.m., I do now leave the chair until two o'clock p.m.

The House took recess at 1.33 p.m.

S. O. 31

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I call on the Minister of Veterans Affairs to reassure the veterans of Canada that the benefits and programs his department provides will continue as long as there are needy and disabled Canadians who need them.

Seventy-five years ago the Prime Minister of Canada promised the veterans of World War I that they would be cared for by a grateful nation. Today there is fear among the veteran population that this government is planning to abandon them and abandon the department in the name of cost efficiency.

I understand that at least 250 positions at Veterans Affairs Canada will be declared surplus under the work force adjustment program in the coming year. I further understand that the department is undertaking joint studies with Health and Welfare about the future and about amalgamation.

It is time for the government and the minister to make a clear commitment to the veterans of Canada.

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Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the environment minister has chosen to follow my suggestion made last week in this House that Canada implement a ban on CFCs by 1995.

I remind the minister that it is Canada and not the provinces that must set regulations for CFC recovery. It is Canada that will negotiate changes to the Montreal protocol this coming November.

With alarming new evidence that the ozone layer is disappearing faster than anyone expected, we are in a state of environmental emergency. Now is the time for the federal government to bring in national standards for the recovery of CFCs.

Almost six months ago I suggested this government examine the CFC-sucking vampire units. With an estimated recovery market worth more than \$2 billion, recovering used CFCs would create jobs in our failing